

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12 and 15-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends the Title of the Invention and Claims 12, 15, 17, and 22, cancels Claims 13 and 14, and adds new Claims 24-33.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 14-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Title of the Invention was objected to for allegedly not being descriptive. Applicant has amended the Title of the Invention so as to be more descriptive of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 12, 13, and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Satoh et al. (U.S. 6,995,630).

Claim 12 has been amended to include all of the features of allowable Claim 14 and intervening Claim 13, allowable Claim 15 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the features of base Claim 12, allowable Claim 17 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the features of base Claim 12, and new Claims 24-33 have been added and correspond to Claims 19-23 but depend on Claims 15 and 17.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 12, 13, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Satoh et al. is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12, 15, and 17 are allowable. Claims 16 and 18-33 depend upon Claims 12, 15, and 17, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claims 12, 15, and 17 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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